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The Honorable Cathy Woolard, President
Members of the Atlanta City Council
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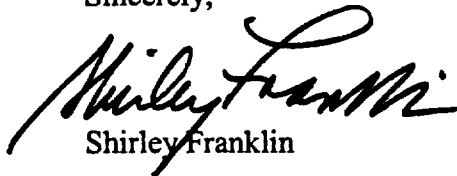
Dear President Woolard and Members of Council:

It is my pleasure to appoint Mr. Charles Graves as the Commissioner of Planning and Neighborhood Development. Mr. Graves is the current Director of Planning for the city of Baltimore, Maryland. As Director of Planning for Baltimore, Mr. Graves has supervision of professional and administrative staff, oversight and coordination for the City of Baltimore Capitol Improvement Budget, and for Maryland State bonding requests.

Mr. Graves was selected as a result of an extensive national search that included a "citizen review panel" made up of panelists from the business community, the Atlanta Planning and Advisory Board (APAB), and neighborhood activists. The review panel voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Graves for consideration because he has the experience and expertise to help the City of Atlanta move forward with its master plan, to encourage economic development, and to guide the long-range planning for the City's overall livability. Mr. Graves' career accomplishments include extensive experience in the public sector both in his current position and in his participation in professional planning organizations.

Mr. Graves is a graduate of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. His experience and training makes him an exceptionally well-qualified candidate for the position of the Commissioner of Planning and Neighborhood Development. Therefore, it is with great pleasure I submit his name to you and urge confirmation of his appointment.

Sincerely,


Shirley Franklin

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